BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2001-455-C - ORDER NO. 2002-71 JANUARY 31, 2002

IN RE:	BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.,)	ORDER HOLDING JOURNAL DOCKET IN ABEYANCE
	Complainant,)	
	VS.)	
	Global Crossing Telecommunications, Inc.,)	
	Defendant.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") on Global Crossing Telecommunication, Inc.'s ("Global Crossing")

Motion to Dismiss, or in the alternative, to hold in abeyance, BellSouth

Telecommunications, Inc.'s ("BellSouth") Complaint (the "Motion to Dismiss"). In its

Opposition to Global Crossing's Motion to Dismiss ("BellSouth Opposition") filed with
the Commission on November 26, 2001, BellSouth stated that it "does not object to
staying further proceedings in this matter until [the] motion to dismiss is resolved by the
federal court." BellSouth Opposition at 13. A hearing on the Motion to Dismiss is
currently set for Tuesday, January 25, 2002. However, in an oral discussion on January
11, 2002, between the parties and the Commission, the parties stated that both are
amenable to holding this case in abeyance temporarily until such time as the United
States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia has ruled on the motion to

dismiss filed by BellSouth in the case of <u>Global Crossing Telecommunications</u>, <u>Inc. v. BellSouth Telecommunications</u>, <u>Inc.</u>, Civil Action No.1:01-CV-2706 (the "Federal Action").

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission, upon the consent of the parties, hereby orders that this case be held in abeyance pending the District Court's ruling on BellSouth's motion to dismiss in the Federal Action, after which time this case may proceed before the Commission subject to the disposition of Global Crossing's Motion to Dismiss.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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Chairman

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ATTEST:

Executive Director

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